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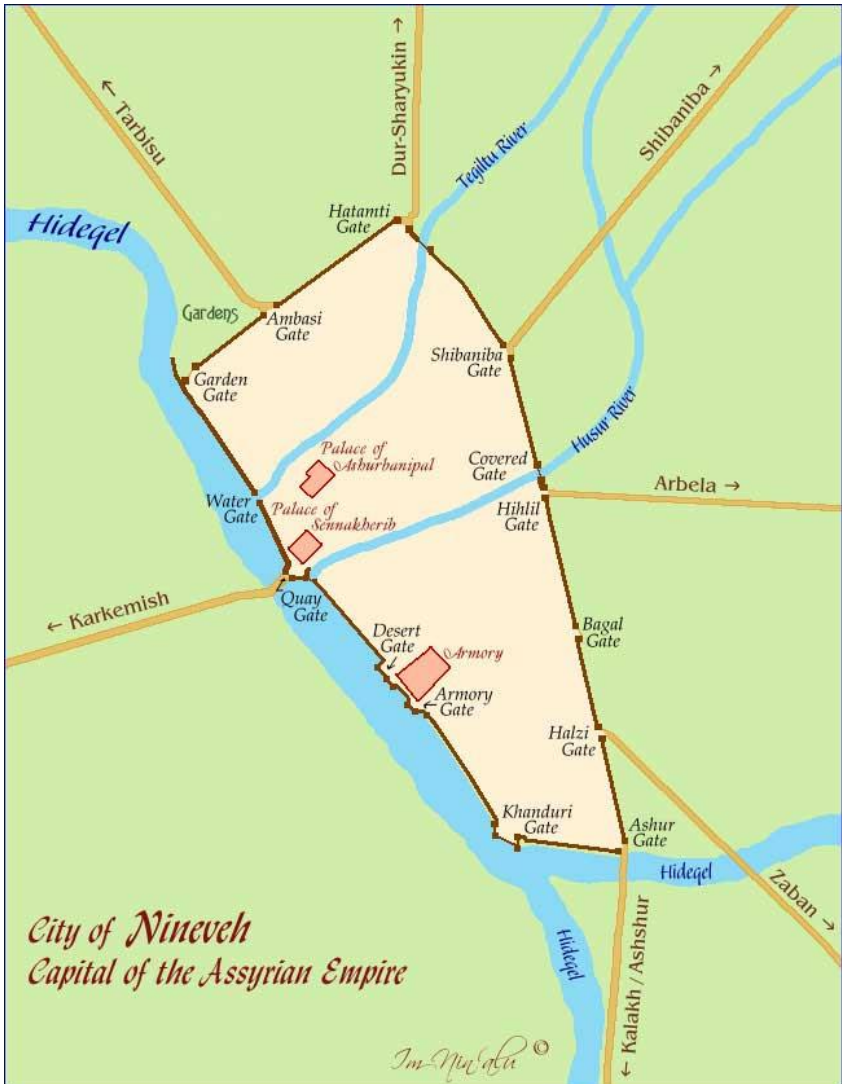
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25th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word and Sacrament

November 10th, 2024
8:30 and 10:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister: Pastor Paul Metzloff
Director of Music: Dr. Heidi Rochlin

	8:30	10:30
Ushers	Charles and Jennifer Weaver	Tony and Sara Lambert
Reader	John Bayer	Dee Dee Werner
A/M	Carole Miller	Sally Metzloff
Acolyte	Jen Weaver	
Altar Guild	Kathy Miller	Lisa Phillippi
Flowers	Not sponsored	
Live streaming	Tom Sahaida, Andy Dobroskey, Jared Preston, Stu Johnston, Richter Bogust	

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge,
our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and
generous lives for the good of your world and our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen!**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind,
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, when Jonah ran from you, you showed him that no one could hide from your presence, and called him back to his work. And when he did that work, even grudgingly and poorly, your word of judgment was transformed into compassion and grace. Help us to carry the message of your kingdom to all the world. Amen!

The assembly is seated.

THE LESSON: JONAH 3:1-10

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

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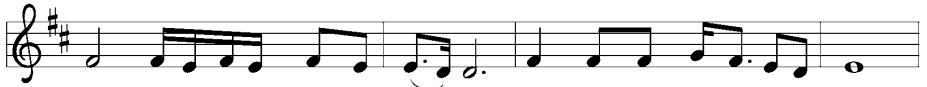
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Asst. Minister: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Each petition concludes with: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Asst. Minister: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

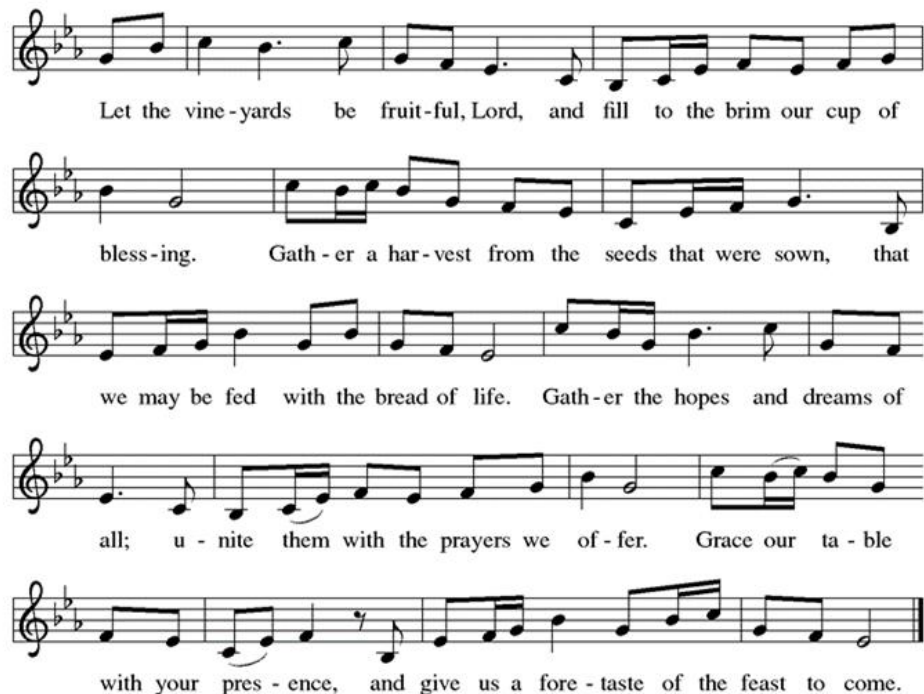
And also with you.

OFFERING & ANTHEM

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, **our portion and our cup,**

you offered yourself in love for the world,

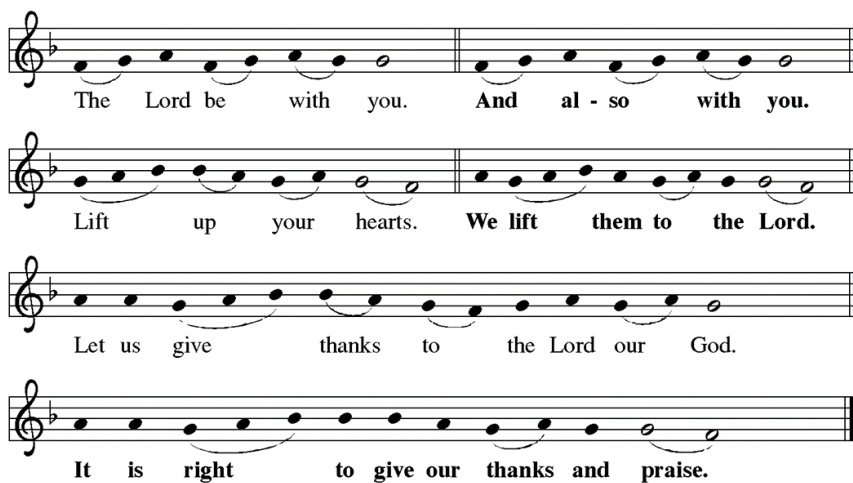
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry

and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

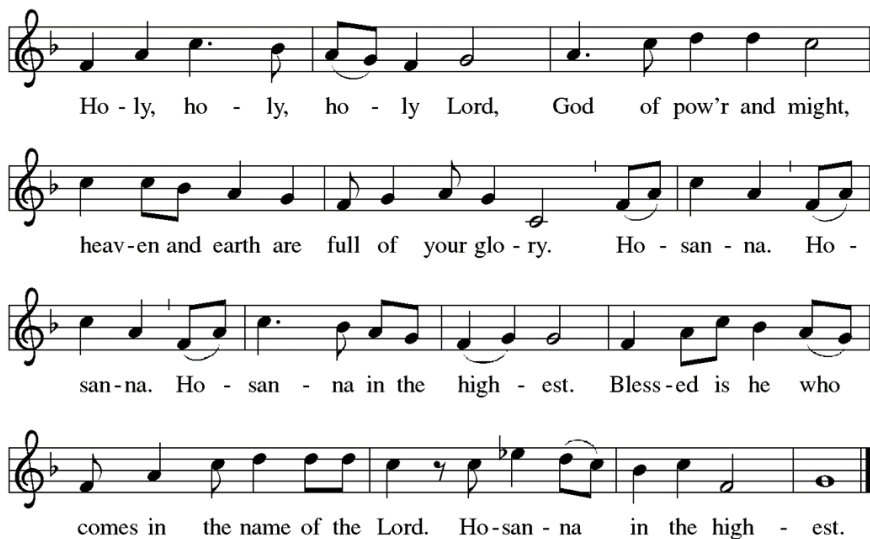
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

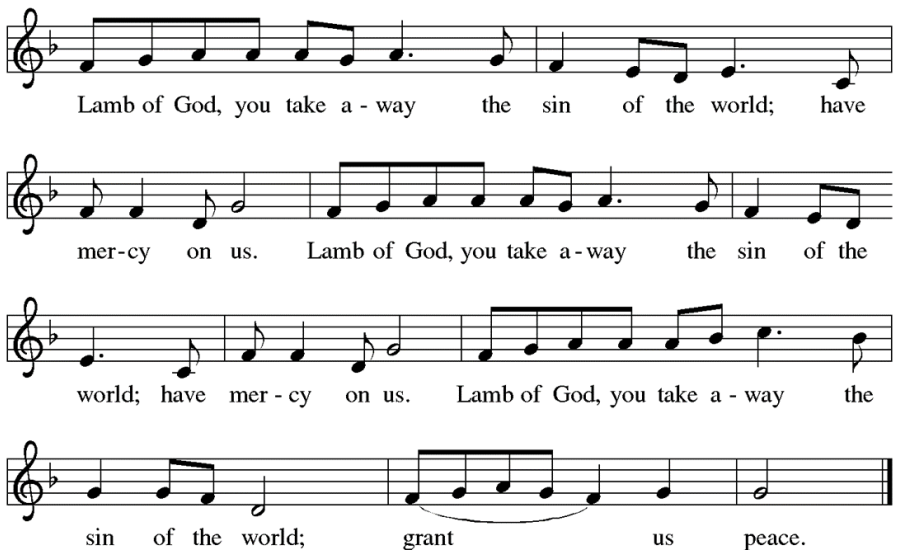
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION & COMMUNION

Please note that, so as to be accessible to all, our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free and lactose-free; both wine (served at the rail) and grape juice (in the trays) are available. All are welcome to commune.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Remembrance (The Communion Song)

C-26

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery?
Say, "take this bread, take this wine"
Now the simple made divine for any to receive

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome
Every trial we will face none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed all are welcome in this place

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

Dying, You destroyed our death
Rising, You restored our life
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory . . . (repeats)

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and
drink in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.
Amen!

SENDING HYMN

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We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Changes to the Prayer List this week:

Added – Parker Youse

Removed – none

Reformation Family: Carol Baer, Millie Castillo, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Roger Hillibush, Dana Humbert, Cheryl Manella, LaJune McDonough, Linda Sell, Elinor Snyder, Erica Sweigert, Alice Trumbauer, Dee Dee Werner, Connie Whalen and Ted Wickert

Friends of Reformation: Kathy Adomshick, Sandy Bender, Bob Benton, Andy Bishop, Claire Boarder, Michele Boucher, Carole Coddington, Barbara Connor, Carl and Laura, Jim Crowley, Patricia Derr, Wilgus Elliott, Judi and Carl Esterly, Susan Flicker, Francis, Beth and Stan Gosek, Tim Harner, Lee Hartman, Gino Hannershitz, John Howard, Don Inmon, Allison Kunkel, Pete Laspopoulos, Batya Leidner, Dana Little, Kathy McCoy, Debbie Mikes, Jean Morgan, James Morrison, Andrew Nosti, Amy Papilla, Patty, Keith and Peg Ruch, Garrett Schanfelder, Kim Sharp, Shirley, Linda Smith, Charles Sperling, Herm Spitzer, Jacob Stoner, Steve V., Grace Vetter, Shannon Vetter, Erika Wesch, Brenda Williams, and Parker Youse

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

	8:30	10:30
Ushers:	Dale and Carole Miller	Shirley Harner and Joanne Scattergood
Reader:	Jackie Morrissey	Don Smith
A/M:	John Baver	Dee Dee Werner
Acolyte:		

Youth Thanksgiving Baskets Project – A reminder that all items from the tags on the bulletin board (around the TV in the narthex) must be brought in by Sunday, Nov. 17 – thanks! And if you are able to help with a turkey or with delivery, contact Terry Trumbauer (610-582-5950 or terryt@dejazzd.com).

Food Pantry Special Needs and Requests for the Month:

- Peanut butter
- Canned meat and fish (i. e., tuna, chicken)
- Pet food (canned and bags of dry, 3-4 lbs.)

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please leave them in the plastic food pantry donation bin in the hallway off the narthex. Thanks!

Advent! - Advent devotional sign-ups are in the narthex with a sheet with all the info. Devotions are due Nov 20th. Please consider helping even if you've never done one before (especially so!). If you have any questions, please talk to Karen Hawk or Sarah Dobroskey.

Advent begins this year on Sunday, December 1st (the Sunday of the long Thanksgiving weekend).

PennDOT Trash Pickup – it's time for our final trash pickup of the year on our adopted section of Perkiomen Avenue, directly in front of the church building! Given that our response has been small for the last couple of pickups, we're going to try something new this time – instead of a Saturday morning, we'll be doing it on Sunday after worship, either from 9:30 to 10:30 (if you're an early service person) or after 11:30 (for the late service folks). Feel free to wear work clothes to worship on Sunday, November 17th. Bags and gloves will be available should you need them –

Dinner Out – a reminder that Dinner Out this month is at the world-famous Reading Liederkrantz, on Thursday, November 14th at 6 pm! Join us for a taste of Germany!



College/Military Care Packages - Reformation is once again mailing Care Packages to students attending college and to those serving in the military. If someone in your family meets this criteria and they would like to receive a Care Package this Fall, please email the information below to Alicia Bergey at smittyfh@hotmail.com. Deadline for submission is **Sunday, November 24th**. Packages will be mailed after Thanksgiving.

- Student/service member name
- Mailing address (PO boxes are okay)
- Year of graduation (if applicable)

Basket Volunteers

- **Saturday, November 23rd, 1pm-3pm:** We will need volunteers of all ages to help sort and organize the Thanksgiving Baskets. We will meet on Saturday, November 23rd from 1pm until about 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, November 24th, 8:30am-10:30am:** We will need youth volunteers to shop for perishable food for the baskets. We will meet at the church at 8:30am, then head to Giant to shop. We will return to the church by 9:30am to then sort and organize the groceries into the baskets.

Scarf Bombing - Calling all knitters and crocheters, we have joined a Scarf Bombing for Berks County. Scarves will be placed around the county with a note saying - if you are cold, take one. We need knit or crochet scarves 11 x 50 inches. Fringe may be added once the 50 inch length is reached. This will be going on for several months. Finished scarves can be handed to Pam Schneeberger during church or the church office. Thank you!

Altar Flowers – The flower list for 2025 is posted underneath the current list. The week of November 17th is still available to sponsor one vase of flowers. Cost is \$30.00 per vase.

Kindly remit your payment for this year's sponsored flowers if you have not already done so. Thank you!